TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday, the 6th August, 1925.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty of the Clock, with the President in the chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Sheep rearing and cattle farming.

29. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that sheep rearing and cattle farming in the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks have been gradually dwindling for want of grazing grounds and proper encouragement and that, as a result, agriculture is seriously affected?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to enquire into the matter and provide sufficient grazing grounds and afford proper encouragement for the free ingress of foreign sheep into these places for agricultural purposes?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(*a*) There are large areas of unreserved and *poramboke* lands in the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks where cattle belonging to Travancore ryots may graze free of payment.

(*b*) In the light of the answer to part (*a*), there seems to be no necessity to set apart more areas for grazing.

Indiscriminate grazing will have disastrous effects on forest growth and will lead to loss of revenue. Free ingress and grazing of foreign sheep cannot therefore be allowed. No such concession is allowed for the grazing of sheep even in British India.

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